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Radcliffe on Trent NEWS SHEET

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



Members' meetings are held in the Grange Hall on the first Thursday of each month (except August when there is no meeting). Doors open at 2pm and refreshments are available. Group stalls advertise activities and enrolment.

Announcements are made at 2.30pm followed by the Guest Speaker

From the Chairman



Welcome to yet another U3A season. I hope you have all had, or are having, a wonderful summer.

I find myself with two big themes as we move forward once more.

Firstly our Groups. We are in good shape with about 50 groups. A remarkable number in itself. Our new Group Co-ordinators, Jan Addiscott and Carol White have spent the summer getting themselves into a very good place to provide the help, support and guidance this successful operation needs. Please see the separate message from Jan and Carol. (page 3 - Ed)

There are lots of ideas for new groups which is really great. Ideas need volunteers to make them happen I am afraid. So an idea is not a group without someone to run it and certainly when suggesting a new group some thought needs to be given to this aspect. It might be "if not you then who?" Running a group is not as hard as some people think. In fact it is fun and rewarding. I think the recently launched Aviation and Motorcycle Groups prove that. It also does not need to be just one person. The new Wine Appreciation Group has a team to spread the load for example. So do think "can I run this" when suggesting a group because otherwise it will not happen, which would be sad in my view.

Secondly The Committee have been thinking about our wider community and how to support everyone. We have seen some wonderful examples of individual bits of support for those of us for whom the passing years are a bit difficult. This has included offering to drive an individual in a car to an outings destination when the coach was going to be a problem and a different example of escorting someone when travelling alone was going to be a challenge. Geraldine Sleight is hoping to launch a Community Support Group this season to help with these kind of issues and others such as difficulty reading or getting about the locality. Geraldine and Carol White, both from the committee, plan to attend an Ageing Well Convention very shortly. As with groups this great idea will need volunteers. Good luck Geraldine.

So let us enjoy 2019/20 season and watch out for some super and local speakers appearing at our Thursday meetings.

Malcolm

AVIATION AND AEROSPACE GROUP are hosting a Talk about the **1989 Kegworth Air Disaster**, given by Ivor Amos, one of the investigators. Also commenting will be one of the Doctors who attended. All members of our U3A are welcome.

This takes place on TUESDAY 3rd Sept at 2pm in the Trent Room Grange Hall

OUR SEPTEMBER GUESTS

And now for something new!

Today we welcome a group of entertainers who are

WELL VERSED

And whose signature is

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

MY FRIEND

Sit back and enjoy!

Scottish Country Dance Group

We will be taking a summer break from the end of May until September. It is great fun and good exercise; you may like to think about joining us for the new season.

Watch this space for start date, or contact **Jean** at rotscd@gmail.com.

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

The Classical Music Group will meet on **Thursday 20th September** in the Dowson Room at the Grange from 10.30 to 12.30.

Contact **Joyce Bullimore** on email : joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk.

GEOLOGY and ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP.

Since the last Newsletter we have had two excursions.

On July 16th members Greg and Janet Chapman lead 20 of us on a tour of Belvoir Vale to examine the rocks used for building a number of local Churches. We found that the rock types used for the bulk walls reflect nearby local roughly hewn bedrock, while those forming the Quoits (corner stones) and window/door surrounds are often from the Lincolnshire Limestone as finely cut ashlar. The wall building stones identified vary in age from early Triassic (250 myrs) to Middle Jurassic (165 myrs) and include the deep orange red ironstone formerly mined in the Belvoir area and the grey friable limestone of the Barnstone area. That at St Mary's PC is Bulwell Stone, also frequently used for garden walls in the Radcliffe area.

On August 13th 16 folk, lead by member Bob Addison, visited the parkland of the Yorkshire Sculpture Park which is underlain by rocks of the Carboniferous coal bearing beds. Bob, had previously mapped this area and was able to show us the relationship of the landforms to the underlying sandstone, mudstone and coal seams as shown on the published geological map. The party also examined some of the varied Sculptures on display. These two most interesting days were blessed with fine weather.

Our **Next meeting (September 17th)** is scheduled as an examination of the igneous rocks of South Charnwood, details from

martinclarke@live.co.uk

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT CARNIVAL— 13th July 2019

Our U3A had a significant presence at this year's Carnival.

During the day our Ukelele Group entertained



and the Aviation and Aerospace Group manned a stand.....



.....with our Control Tower Officials

Roger Allton, Mike Seymour and Treasurer Pat Cleary (looking larger than life!) in charge.

All this generated much interest from our fellow villagers.

Thanks to these two groups for their efforts.

Malcolm Mcdowell , Chairman.

AVIATION AND AEROSPACE GROUP

You will note from the front page that we are hosting on 3rd September, in the Trent Room, Grange Hall, a talk about the well remembered KEGWORTH AIR DISASTER.

The speaker, **Ivor Amos** has had a life of travel, military duty, 1000 hours on flight decks and cockpits and in extreme sports.

These elements combine to form a picture of the 1989 Kegworth air disaster and his subsequent involvement as an Investigator.

His talk will be followed up with input from a local medical professional who provided emergency care at the time of the incident which resulted in the implementation of many changes to emergency medical procedures.

All U3A members are welcome at this talk for which the Trent room is reserved to provide extra space.

Meeting on 2nd July

The talk by Colin Ferguson about his experiences flying different types of aircraft, both military and civil was well received by our members.

One fact particularly stood out during his description of flying the Beverley military transport in Aden. This was fitted with sleeve valve engines (familiar enough to 1930's motorists) which burned no less than 6 gallons of oil per engine per hour!! Apparently the flight engineer's sole job was to continually top up during the flight!

Fortunately things have moved on in the engine world since!

The meeting also agreed to hold a Group members Christmas lunch on 3rd December at the Radcliffe Golf Club.

Note for your diaries please.

CONTACT

Mike at seymourmd@aol.com or
Roger at rogerallton@hotmail.co.uk

MOTORCYCLE GROUP

The new Motorcycle Group has four riders already but we are looking for more like-minded souls who enjoy social riding. We are not racers!

We have enjoyed two cruises around our countryside already.

Please visit our website www.rot-u3a.org.uk to view our group page and get in touch.

Phil Gregg

TRIPS AND OUTINGS GROUP

FUTURE TRIPS for your diary

This is the list of forthcoming trips and outings for 2019. Book soon because these are very popular and fill up quickly.

Tues 17 Sept – Boughton House & Gardens with Lunch- Tickets on sale at September monthly meeting. Last few tickets available. Cost £35 per person

Weds 27 Nov – Renishaw Hall & Gardens with Christmas Lunch – Tickets on sale at September monthly meeting. Cost £38 per person

The price includes coach, tea or coffee & mince pie on arrival, 2 course Xmas meal with tea or coffee & a guided tour of the Hall & Garden entrance.

..... Contact **Steve Harris 0115 9333011** or
Sandra Straw 0115 9123141

KNIT'N NATTER GROUP

We have had an urgent request from the hospital for tiny ventilator hats for premature babies. Let me know if you need a pattern.

Our other on-going projects include Twiddlemuffs for dementia patients, baby clothes and blankets and - with cooler months fast approaching - hats and scarves for the Friary in West Bridgford.

We meet at 2pm on the second Tuesday each month. For more details, please contact me.

Jan : 01158 457398.

OUR NEW GROUP COORDINATORS

Allow us to introduce ourselves. We are Jan Addiscott and Carol White

We aim to have a personal presence at each monthly meeting.

We intend to actively encourage a visible presence of groups at our monthly meetings.

We have a range of tables around the hall for this purpose which will help to promote your group and provide information to members and visitors.

We can provide colourful laminated signs for each and every group.

We will be contacting all existing groups renewing offers of guidance and support where necessary and will re-instate regular meetings between ourselves and those who run the groups to share experiences and ideas.

We wish to actively empower and encourage the formation of new groups.

However, our role is not to provide people to run new groups but to encourage and empower those to whom we will give as much support as is necessary.

Groups are the lifeblood of U3A, we will help you all we can.

Carol and Jan



HOW ABOUT THIS FOR A NEW Radcliffe GROUP?

"Southwell U3A's Church Visiting Group (CVG)

We are a group who love old churches for their architecture and setting, and the centuries of social history and local characters that are related to them. Visiting churches also gives us an excuse for a pleasant day out in the countryside, a good (usually) pub lunch and the chance to meet local people who show us their churches. We meet monthly between March and October (eight trips per year) and our usual day out consists of visiting three churches before lunch and one (or two) more in the afternoon. If you are thinking of setting up a group, we're happy to share our experiences,

Chris Bentley
(cbentley500@gmail.com) "

Taken from U3A Regions News Bites **Steve Harris**

If anyone is interested, talk to our Group Co-ordinators Carol and Jan at the September meeting.

WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

This newly formed group looks set to launch on Thursday 10th October in The Trent Room in The Grange Hall, commencing at 7pm and running through to 9pm.

The plan is for a buffet supper to be included and eight wines to be presented on the night. The cost will be £15. This group is being launched because our existing and successful Wine Tasting Group is full with a waiting list. The new group can still take a few more and a planning meeting was scheduled for 2.30pm in The Radcliffe Room in The Grange on Tuesday 20th August. Do speak to Ann Littlewood or The Chairman if you are interested in joining what is planned to be a sociable group for novice and expert alike.

Contact Ann at annlittlewood@icloud.com)

The Boules Group

We thought members might be interested to see the Boules Group in action. But, instead of our normal Grange pitch, we played at the Golf Course.



A conversation with Mick Brown led the group to be invited to use the facilities up at Radcliffe on Trent Golf Course where we had three good Boules games followed by a drink at the bar, (surprise, surprise - Ed)

L-R Jon Jones, Jane Parkhouse, Chris Tantom, Ian Gray, Al Reed (group leader) & Jim Parkhouse - posed before the visit to the bar !

Jon Jones

FAMILY HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP

We will start again after our break on Thursday 19 September at 2.00 pm in the Ark Room at St Mary's Church Hall. No doubt everyone will be eager to tell of their findings over the summer as to whether they are descended from the aristocracy - even if spurious!

Dave Morgan

Note from the Editorial Team

Radcliffe U3A now has **50** active interest groups.

Of these, only about a quarter regularly tell us what they are doing.

We are sure members would like to hear from those who hide their light under the proverbial bushel.

**COME ON GROUPS,
LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!**

GROUP SPOTLIGHT

One of the main aims of the University of the Third Age, that we know as the U3A, is to promote through interest groups 'learning and education'.

A group that might not necessarily be considered as educational but purely social would be the Radcliffe's 'Real Ale Group'. But you would be wrong!

Since its inception in 2013 over 35' sites of local interest', also known as 'public houses' have been visited, each with their own distinctive character, architectural and historic interest.

A good example is The Trip to Jerusalem which claims to be the oldest pub in the country built in the sixteenth century into the side of the Nottingham Castle Rock.

Then there's The Malt Cross on St James Street, a fully refurbished Music Hall and also in its day a brothel with some very interesting caves underneath.

The Test Match, West Bridgford or The White Lion Inn Beeston are both art-deco in design and interior decoration.

The Rose of England, Mansfield Road has its mock Tudor frontage and the Lillie Langtry on Parliament Street has connections with the Theatre Royal and the old Empire Music Hall.

Even The Canal House on Canal Street has its own bit of canal with bridge over....and that's in the bar!

Group members also know the difference between 'ale' and 'beer' and between 'cask' and 'keg' and between a pint and a 'alf'.

That's education!

This friendly group meets on the last Wednesday in every month at lunch time between 12noon and 1:30pm at a venue of the group's choosing. If you are interested and would like to come along contact

Rod on tel...**07971537119** or email... rodnevfogg@gmail.com

Ukelele Group News



AND the UKES CAME TOO!

On the day in July, when the temperature was high

Our U3a Uke group were out on the river

We cruised, we had food,

We had sun, we had fun

As we sampled the sights of Nottingham's delights

AND THE UKES CAME TOO!

Before too long, our chat turned to song

As out came the music we'd all brought along.

Our guests joined in, our chords we found

As the river flowed along to our rhythmic sound.

We had sun, we had fun

AND THE UKES CAME TOO!

As we came to the end of our big sing and play

We all agreed it was a really good day.

We cruised, we had food

And had sun and such fun

AS OUR UKES CAME TOO !

Lyn Coxon - lyncoxon@btinternet.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

OCTOBER'S ISSUE

We need an earlier copy deadline than is usual.

For the **OCTOBER** issue of our U3A monthly News Sheet please send your news, articles and photos by **19th Sept** to our new email address which is **radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com**

The old email address is no longer in use so please delete from your address books.

Thank you Editorial Team